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In re application of M. Keith Sharp Application No.: 09/973,477 Filed: October 6, 2001 For: HYPODERMIC NEEDLE	Examiner: M. DeSanto Group Art Un : 3763
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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A hypodermic needle, comprising:

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a hollow tube having an angled end with respect to a longitudinal axis of the tube, the end having an opening surrounded by an external peripheral rim,